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HAVING A NOSE FOR ORIENTING THE FLOW  
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ASSEMBLY  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
37 C.F.R. §1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.